

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Patent Application of:  
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For: DESIGN OF POLYKETIDE SYNTHASE  
GENES

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Examiner: S. Zhou

**AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION AND SUBSTANCE OF**  
**EXAMINER INTERVIEWS**

MS Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
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Dear Sir:

**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

This is in response to the non-final Office Action dated November 30, 2006, for which a response was initially due on February 28, 2007. Filed herewith is a Petition and fee for a three-month extension of time, thereby extending the deadline for response to May 30, 2007. Accordingly, this response is timely filed.

The following amendments and discussion are believed responsive to the outstanding Office action. Reconsideration and allowance of the pending claims, as amended, in light of the remarks presented herein are respectfully requested.

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 3 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 4 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 9 of this paper.